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Figure 8 shows a variation of an embodiment of a baseball bat of Figure 7, for which the singular regions are constructed as circular depressions at the periphery of the impact part and are covered by a cylindrical enveloping element, and

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS:

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